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APPLICANT : Shinichi OKAMOTO EXAMINER: KISHOR MAYWKAR
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CONFIRMATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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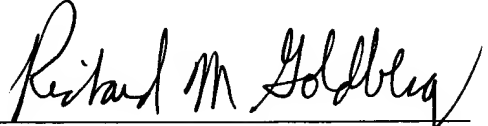
Sir:

Applicant qualifies for small entity status. As proof thereof, applicant submits a copy of Form PTO-1390, Transmittal Letter, submitted when the application was filed. Also enclosed is a copy of the formal filing receipt which indicates the small entity status.

The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due incorrectly indicates a large entity issue fee due.

However, since applicant qualifies for small entity status,
payment is being made as a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard M. Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "G".

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